

IN THE ABSTRACT

Page 29, the Abstract has been amended as follows:

--~~Apparatus~~ An apparatus for applying information to a medical slide or histology cassette ~~comprises~~ has an ink jet printer heads for ~~applying~~ printing a printing medium directly onto a ~~surface portion of a~~ the slide or cassette to ~~define an organised array of printed data.~~ The printing medium or the ink is ~~sealable~~ placed onto said ~~surface portion of the slide or cassette so that the resulting said organised array of printed data is proof impervious~~ against removal or damage during subsequent handling or treatment of the slide or cassette. ~~The apparatus may comprise either or both of:~~

~~(a) storage means for holding a multiplicity of slides onto which data is to be printed; and~~

~~(b) storage means for holding a multiplicity of cassettes onto which data is to be printed;~~

~~either or both of:~~

~~(c) a printing station for applying data to a selected slide; and~~

~~(d) a printing station for applying data to a selected cassette; and~~

~~either or both of:~~

~~(e) transport means for conveying a slide onto which data is to be printed from the slide storage means to the slide printing station and for conveying a slide onto which data has been printed from the slide printing station to a slide discharge location; and~~

~~(F) transport means for conveying a cassette onto which data is to be printed from the cassette storage means to the cassette printing station and for conveying a cassette onto which data has been printed from the cassette printing station to a cassette discharge location.~~

~~The apparatus may further comprise control means for selectively enabling conveyance of a slide or a cassette from the respective storage means to the respective discharge location; and means such as a keyboard for enabling input of data to be printed onto a selected slide or cassette during said conveyance.--~~